



The Desert Aires Barbershop Chorus, above, and Sun City Stomperz Dixieland Jazz Band, below, will play a fund-raiser concert Oct. 30 at Theater Works in Peoria as part of their fall season.

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Desert Aires launch fall season of song

STAFF REPORT

The Desert Aires Barbershop Chorus, Sun Cities chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, opens its fall season with three concerts.

First, the chorus, two-time winner of the Division 5A Plateau, will compete in the Far West District, nearly the largest in the international organization, on Oct. 8, 9, and 10 in Bakersfield, Calif.

The second event will be entertaining the Military Officers Association of America and their families at Luke Air Force Base Oct. 14. The chorus has many veterans from all branches of the armed forces with four retired fighter pilots from the Air Force and Navy. Bud Hesterman, retired F-86, F-100, and F-105 pilot, and baritone in the chorus as well as its master of ceremonies, will give his rendition of "That Ragged Old Flag" as part of the presentation.

On Oct. 30, the Desert Aires with the Sun City Stomperz Dixieland Jazz Band, will present a concert at Theater Works in Peoria. This fund-



raiser event will start at 7 p.m. with a wine and cheese reception, as well as coffee and brownies social hour following the production.

Members of the Desert Aires are mostly retired, with a few still in the work force. Some singers have between 30 and 60 years of experience in this American music genre, with its full membership having a total of 1,200 years in the business.

Interested residents who love to sing are welcome to audition Tuesdays from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Sun City Christian Church at 98th Avenue and Palmeras Drive.